

REMARKS

Claims 1-23 are pending and stand rejected. That rejection has been made final. In light of the following remarks, the Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection and pass the application on to issuance.

Claim Objections: The Examiner objected to the differences between the preamble of Claim 1 and the preambles of Claims 2-18 and 21. The preamble of Claim 1 has been amended addressing the Examiner's concerns.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC §102: The Examiner rejected Claims 1-4, 6-12, and 17-23 under §102 as being anticipated by US Pub. 2004/0205613 to Li. Li is directed to automatic transformation of data communicated between parties in a computing network. See, e.g., Li, Title and Abstract. Li teaches the use of a style sheet or template to transform a document from one format to another. Li, Para [0041].

To implement Li's methods, Li discloses a server (306) that includes a transformation web service intermediary (Intermediary 301), registration service (302), transformation service (303), forward service (304), and receive service (305). Li, Para. [0052]. Transformation service (303) is a program responsible for transforming a document from one format to another. Li, Para. [0052]. Based on an incoming request (311), the intermediary (301) invokes the services of registration service (302), transformation service (303), forward service (304), or receive service (305). Li, Para. [0052]. In other words, if an incoming request (311) is for a transformation, then the intermediary (301) invokes the transformation service (303).

Claim 1 is directed to a method for providing imaging conversion services on content and recites the following acts:

1. receiving content comprising non-image data;
2. obtaining a style sheet defining a conversion of the received content to a converted content;

3. selecting an imaging conversion program from a plurality of imaging conversion programs based on a criterion;
4. converting the content using the selected imaging conversion program and the style sheet to obtain the converted content; and
5. transmitting the converted content to a desired location.

Li does not disclose or suggest selecting an imaging conversion program from a plurality of imaging conversion programs based on a criterion as required by the third act listed above. Li discloses a system, illustrated in Li, Fig. 3, that includes only a single transformation service (303) whose services are invoked by the intermediary (301) when an incoming request (311) requests transformation. Li makes no mention or suggestion of any additional transformation services (303) let alone making a selection from among additional transformation services (303).

For at least this reason Claim 1 is patentable over Li as are Claims 2-18 and 21 which depend from Claim 1.

Claim 19 is directed to a system for implementing the method of Claim 1. For the same reasons Claim 1 is patentable, so are Claim 19 and Claim 22 which depends from Claim 19.

Claim 20 is directed to a computer readable medium containing code for implementing the method of Claim 1. For the same reasons Claim 1 is patentable, so are Claim 20 and Claim 23 which depends from Claim 20.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC §103: The Examiner rejected Claim 5 as being unpatentable over Li in view of USPN 6,785,022 issued to Todaka. Claim 5 depends from Claim 1 and includes all the limitations of that base Claim. For at least the same reasons Claim 1 is patentable, so is Claim 5.

The Examiner rejected Claims 13-16 as being unpatentable over Li in view of a publication titled "Using Style Sheets to Publish XML to the Web." Claims 13-16 each

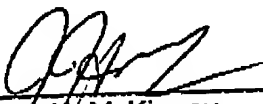
depends from Claim 1 and includes all the limitations of that base Claim. For at least the same reasons Claim 1 is patentable, so are Claims 13-16.

Conclusion: In view of the foregoing remarks, the Applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Consequently, early and favorable action allowing these claims and passing the application to issue is earnestly solicited. The foregoing is believed to be a complete response to the outstanding Office Action.

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